

200 APARTMENTS FOR SERVICE FOLK

Quarters Near Hunter College Vacated by Waves Set Aside for Officers, Families

A minimum of 200 out of 587 apartments near Hunter College delegated to the Waves will be opened to officers of the armed forces on active war duty here and to their families, it was announced yesterday after a meeting in the Mayor's office in City Hall.

Mayor La Guardia appealed to fourteen Bronx landlords to permit occupancy by the officers and their families to ease the housing shortage. Preference will be given to those officers now temporarily located in furnished rooms.

Army and Navy representatives attended the meeting, with Capt. David D. Patterson representing Rear Admiral Monroe Kelly, commander of the Third Naval District, and Lieut. Col. Ralph E. Ladue, representing Maj. Gen. Thomas A. Terry, commanding general for the Second Service Command. Lieut. Robert H. Gallagher was spokesman for the Navy Department Lands Division, Henry H. Held of Held & Held, attorneys for the landlords, and Joseph M. Platzker, assistant Commissioner of Housing and Buildings for the city and chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Rents, also took part. Mrs. Herbert L. Carlebach, head of the housing committee for the Officers Service Committee at the Hotel Commodore, who was chosen to take charge of the screening of apartment applicants, also attended.

A committee composed of Lieutenant Gallagher, Commissioner Platzker, Mr. Held and three of the Bronx landlords was formed to supervise the allocation of apartments. To discuss further plans a meeting will be held in Commissioner Platzker's office in the Municipal Building next Tuesday.

Yesterday's session, called by the Mayor, followed a series of preliminary meetings among Army and Navy authorities, landlords and the Officers Service Committee in an effort to relieve the housing shortage for officers with families here.

Five buildings near Hunter College already have been vacated by Waves, and steps are being taken by naval authorities to vacate more. A sixty-day vacancy notice is required. Navy estimates placed the number of Waves now at Hunter at 500, as against 3,000 at its peak training period.